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ATTENTION COMPANY

A MILITARY COMPANY

To Be Organized by the Young Men of St. Helens

A few weeks ago some of the young men of St. Helens were talking over the proposition of organizing a military company in this city and the more they talked the more they became enthused. Accordingly, some of them went to Portland and visited Adjutant General White, to whom they confided their desires, and so favorably impressed with the idea of an organization at this place was the general that he arranged a meeting of some of the staff officers of the Oregon National Guard with some of the citizens of this place.

Last Saturday afternoon Col. McLaughlin of the Third Regiment, O. N. G., Major Knapp of the commissary department and Major Marcellus of the medical department, came down to St. Helens and were met by a delegation of citizens, headed by Mayor Morton, and around a banquet table prepared by Mrs. J. L. Zipperer at her home, discussed the matter of the organization of a company at this place. What the report of these officers was to the general can perhaps be better understood by the fact of the commission to L. E. Allen and some others to secure a petition containing the names of an eligible list of young men who desired to enlist in such an organization and which when completed, would be turned over to the general, after which he would come to St. Helens and proceed to organize a company. The petitions are out now and being signed up rapidly by men who are anxious to secure some military training and to receive the benefit of such training in case of trouble.

There seems to be no question now but that a company will be organized in this city, and whether it will be a company of infantry or of coast artillery has not been definitely decided upon nor will it be until the organization.

As explained by the officers of the O. N. G. the enlistment in this company will not work a hardship on any one, because the laws and the rules of the National Guard are such that a member is protected from and such hardship. Military discipline will of course be maintained, but the work will not interfere with the business or occupation of any individual.

Uniforms and equipment will be furnished by the state as will also ammunition for target practice. Once each year the company will go into camp for a few days for actual practice.

The question of an armory for company quarters and store rooms as well as for drilling purposes is solved here, the large hall of the Sunset club being large enough and with a few alterations and repairs will meet all the requirements.

Any man of sound health between the ages of 18 and 45 is eligible, and it is the hope of the men in charge to have a list of at least 100 names to present to the general in a few days. The young men of this city, and the surrounding communities are invited to investigate the matter and join the company. Petitions are being circulated in St. Helens and will also be sent to Warren, Yankton, Deer Island, Columbia City, and probably Scappoose and Goble. It is the desire to form a strong company and a good one, so that if any man between the ages named in any of these communities desires to join they may communicate with L. E. Allen at St. Helens, or probably will find a petition in those communities within a few days.

The citizens of St. Helens are enthusiastic in their support of the proposition and will lend every assistance toward making it a success, so that from present indications there will be a military company here within a short time, and one that will be an honor to the Oregon National Guard.

Fall in line and spread St. Helens on the military map of Oregon. Forward, March!

JUDGE CLARK'S HOME DAMAGED BY FIRE

Home Saved by Splendid Work of Firemen

One of the most destructive fires occurring in the residence section of this city happened last Saturday morning about four o'clock, when the residence of Judge Clark caught fire and was damaged to the extent of over \$1000.00.

The fire started up stairs between the walls of the building and the origin is unknown. It was first discovered by Miss Ruth Austin, who occupies a room in that part of the building, and but for her quick work and cool judgment, is perhaps due to the fact that the Clark home was saved from ashes.

Miss Austin awakened her brother, Professor Austin, and Harold Clark, who were the only people in the house at the time and then climbed out of the window onto the roof of the building and fought the flames with water that was passed to her from the window. This held the flames in check until the fire department arrived.

Fire Chief W. C. Lee was the first of the department to arrive and he was harnessed to a hose cart which he pulled from department No. 2 to the scene of the fire. The balance of the fire ladders were soon on the job and did some fine work.

The greater part of the damage was done by water and smoke, every part of the building being flooded. Fire Chief Lee states that it was necessary to use an over amount of water, owing to the fact that the fire had started between the walls of the building, which made it exceptionally hard to get at.

The loss is partly covered by insurance.—Rainier Review.

ABOVE MONEY VALUE

Mr. Editor—Will you grant me the favor of publishing the following greeting, and wish to all the men of St. Helens, because my cards have run out and it is too late to get others printed.

Cordially,
FOSTER.

A Greeting and a Wish
This is my Christmas Greeting and wish for you. It has no value in the market and no great art in the making. But if you will let it mean to your heart what it means to mine at this glad season there will be in it a worth above money value and a beauty that art alone never gives.

I earnestly wish that every good brought into life by the Christmas Christ may be yours.

That you may have a heart of cheer, a spirit of hope, a life of love for every day in the year. This is my Christmas wish for you.

Sincerely yours,
FOSTER.

ADDITIONAL REAL ESTATE

Dec. 15—J. P. Myers et ux to Jennie M. Gordon; land in Sec. 3, T. 5 N., R. 5 W. W. M., \$10.00.

Dec. 16—Clinton W. Parsons et ux to Alfred S. Harrison; lot 13, Blk. 6, St. Helens, \$75.00.

Dec. 17—Karen T. Berriman to J. L. Hardy et ux; land in Sec. 30, T. 7 N., R. 2 W., W. M., \$10.00.

Col. Co. Investment Co. to Anton Roitz; lot 29, Beaver Homes, \$250.

Dec. 18—Henry Campbell, guardian et al to School Dist. No. 12; land in Sec. 36, T. 7 N., R. 3 W., W. M.; \$85.00.

Dec. 20—R. I. Herrick and wife to Alta May Witt; lot 10, Apple Valley, Scappoose Orchard Tracts, \$10.00.

Dec. 21—Marinda P. Nickerson to E. E. Nickerson; land in Sec. 34, T. 5 N., R. 4 W., W. M., \$10.00.

St. Helens Improvement Co. to Peter Ballatare; lots 14, 15, Blk. 1, Railroad Addn., \$175.00.

SHIPPING.

The steamer Klamath left Sunday for San Pedro with a good list of passengers and 1,000,000 feet of lumber.

The steamer Aurelia left Tuesday for San Francisco with 500,000 feet of lumber.

The steamer Temple E. Dorr left Thursday for San Diego with 700,000 feet of lumber.



OREGON STATE SCHOOL FOR THE BLIND

The Oregon State School for the Blind, located at Salem, was established in 1876. The school has been provided with beautiful grounds, convenient buildings, and suitable apparatus for the instruction of the blind. Its advantages are free to all the blind youth of the state, and those whose sight is so defective that they cannot receive an education in the public schools. The aim and purpose of the school, in addition to furnishing a general education, is to train the pupils in some useful occupation which will enable them to assist in making a living for themselves. The school carries on five distinct lines of education, namely: Literary, musical, industrial, physical and moral instruction. The industrial includes sewing, knitting, chair caning, hammock making, basketry, piano tuning, typewriting, weaving and sloyd.

Besides the superintendent, the school employs a matron, four instructors and eight other employees. The monthly payroll averages \$600. Number of pupils enrolled, 36.

ROADS AND TAXATION

Warren, Ore., Dec. 20, 1915.

Editor Mist—Dear Sir: I would ask space in your valuable paper in which to express my views upon the paramount and most important question before the taxpayers of Columbia county today; namely, roads and taxation.

The budget meeting will soon be held to fix the amounts to be expended for the coming year for general, and road tax purposes, and it would be interesting to know how many of us have given the estimates as made by the county court, the careful consideration that we should; if we have, and are sincere in our request for lower taxes, are we willing to cut the estimates for our respective localities; if not, we are not honest in our demands. Are we sincere in kicking about high taxes when we are always asking for the expenditure of large sums of public funds, where we are the chief, and sometimes the only beneficiary. The writer believes that taxes are too high and that we are not getting over 60 cents on the dollar for the money spent on our roads under the supervision of first class (?) college engineers at fat salaries, who hold our district supervisors back and prevent them from doing the road work when, and in the manner it should be done. Let us get rid of these imported gentlemen and let our county surveyor and Bro. George Conyers set grade stakes for awhile; they live here and help us pay the taxes at least. Then let us cut the road tax; we taxpayers of district No. 2 have spent close to twenty thousand dollars on our roads this year and have not got much to show for it except about 1700 feet of railroad grade in St. Helens; the rest of the main road is so bad that people are giving donation work to keep it up. Under the district tax system three years ago the road was in good condition; so let us rest for a year from our strenuous road building and try to get back to more road districts and special taxes.

If the estimates of the budget are adopted and there is a population of 12,000 people in the county, it means a tax of \$16.52 per capita; or if there are 3000 taxpayers on the tax rolls it would mean a tax of more than \$106.00 per capita for them this does not include any specials, such as school or city. Can we afford it?

Yours for consideration
W. J. FULLERTON.

REBEKAHS ENTERTAIN

The Rebekahs held a special meeting Saturday evening. The occasion of the meeting was a visit from Arieta lodge, thirty-six strong. The work was turned over to the Arieta team and a class of four was initiated in a most satisfactory and entertaining manner. After the ceremonies, a sumptuous banquet was served. A very enjoyable evening was spent. The guests came by auto, one big bus accommodated twenty-nine of them.

MASONIC OFFICERS ARE ELECTED

The Masonic lodge held their annual election of officers Saturday evening. The election was a very harmonious one, as each officer was declared with a single ballot. The following officers were elected for the ensuing year:

Worshipful Master, H. J. Southard; Senior Warden, E. A. Rotger; Junior Warden, A. L. Stone; Senior Deacon, E. V. John; Junior Deacon, H. P. Ross; Secretary, E. E. Quick; Treasurer, James Dart; Senior Steward, A. J. Peel; Junior Steward, Thos. Isbister; Tyler, John King; Marshal, U. W. Cole.

Following the election the officers were installed by Past Master U. W. Clark, assisted by C. H. John, Marshal.

COURT NEWS.

Court adjourned Tuesday afternoon until January 3.

The court set April 10, 1916, and September 11, 1916, for hearing petitions of final naturalization papers.

In the case of Holstrom vs. Buchanan, for the recovery of a cow, a verdict was rendered for the defendant.

The following cases were set for January term.

Jan. 3—City of Clatskanie vs. J. W. McDonald; condemnation.

Jan. 3—Morgus vs. Brinn; foreclosure of mortgage.

Jan. 4—Elnora K. Hill et al vs. L. L. Levings et al; accounting.

Jan. 5—Lorena Chrisman vs. E. Neuhausen et al; title.

Jan. 6—Columbia County Bank vs. Board of Equalization; to lower assessment.

Jan. 7—Lewis vs. Keller; foreclosure chattel mortgage.

Jan. 10—Quincy Mercantile Co. vs. Dahlman; accounting.

Jan. 11—Louie Felton vs. Kennedy Construction Co.; damages.

Jan. 12—Patrick vs. S. P. & S. Ry.; damages.

ATTENDS CONFERENCE

W. H. Cooper attended the conference of district attorneys held in Salem last week in response to the call of Attorney General Brown, to discuss the prohibition law. The law was taken up in all its phases and discussed from every angle. The law will be rigidly enforced and its enforcement is demanded by the people who enacted it. It will be the duty of district attorneys, sheriffs and the courts to enforce the law and prosecute offenders. The law is far reaching in effect and those who will persist in indulging in intoxicants will do well to observe the law to the very letter. There will be litigation, and lots of it, and he who dances must pay the piper.

HIGH SCHOOL IN BURNT CORK

The Classes in Classic Negro Minstrels.

The High School minstrel show at the city hall Friday evening was about as good as they are gotten up, especially amateurs. Prof. McCoy acted as interceptor and held his "niggers," seven on either side, well in hand.

The parody on "I didn't raise my boy to be a soldier," was about as ludicrous as the song itself, or rather the estimation patriotic people should hold toward it.

The jokes were local, new and free from moss. While some of the "coons" were considerably "rattled," this condition was known only to themselves.

The song by Prof. McCoy called for an encore, which was smilingly given.

The songs and choruses were rendered in pleasing melody and merited the applause so freely given.

The Negro cabin, the handwork of the High School boys, was very realistic, and the coon that came sneaking around the corner was true to life. Old Black Joe rendered his song, accompanied by his banjo, in memory of his birthday. Some of the callers proposed a dance, but Uncle Joe objected to dancing on his premises, but when the music started up, he was the first one on the floor.

This hoe down was a capital number and professionals could not have done better. An equal number of boys were dressed as girls, and the dance was entered into in real Negro enthusiasm. It was a scream and captured the audience to a stand still. An encore was vociferously demanded, which was given amid stormy applause.

The people of St. Helens always patronize school entertainments, and this was pronounced among the best ever given. The receipts of the evening were about \$70, which was nearly net, as the hall was donated and was also LaBare's splendid orchestra. The money will be used to make good the student body deficit and purchase additional athletic supplies.

TO THE DAIRYMEN AND FARMERS

Corvallis, Dec. 20, 1915.

The conference of Oregon dairymen during Farmers' week at the Oregon Agricultural College will be decidedly prominent. They will convene January 4, in what now promises to be the greatest gathering of dairymen ever seen in Oregon. The dairy department has been particularly successful in securing the services of some of the most prominent dairy experts in the United States for this occasion.

Among the prominent dairymen of Oregon who will take an active part in the conference, is J. C. Pomeroy of Scappoose, who will give an address on "The Breeding of the Four Leading Sires of the Holsteins."

S. W. HARMS.

COWS AND COSTS

Without entering into the merits or demerits of the cow cases, as an item of news, will state that these cases cost the taxpayers some money.

In the suit of Nystrom vs. Kallberg, for the recovery of a cow, whose value is placed at \$20, the total costs totaled about \$200. It was a jury trial and juror fees cost Columbia county \$72.

The case of Holstrom vs. Buchanan, also for the recovery of a cow, or the value of a cow worth \$80, also cost Columbia county \$72 in jury fees.

A NOTED VISITOR

Prof. John Straub of Eugene, dean of the University of Oregon, arrived in this city Tuesday to deliver a lecture before the High School, but to use his own expression, he found the High School "sick in bed." It seems that he had not been informed of the vacation of this week. However, St. Helens had the pleasure of his visit and he formed many new acquaintances. As he is an old time friend of the editor of the Mist, he did not overlook this office.

A SERIOUS ACCIDENT

MAY RESULT FATALLY

Wm. McKay Receives Serious Injury in Shipyard

An accident occurred at the shipbuilding plant Wednesday forenoon that is very serious and may result fatally.

Wm. McKay, while engaged at work on the new big ship, the City of Portland, fell down the hold, a distance of 19 feet, landing on his head and shoulders.

He was taken to the office of Dr. Wade in an unconscious condition, where he was given medical attention.

Dr. Wade took him to a Portland hospital the same evening. When the doctor left his patient Thursday morning, he was regaining consciousness.

It is still questionable whether he will recover or not. Some 12 years ago he received injuries in the head and it is feared that this may have its influence.

Mr. McKay is well known, as he has been a citizen of this place for a number of years. His friends hope for his speedy recovery.

CHRISTMAS ENTERTAINMENTS

Christmas will be appropriately observed by the Sunday schools of this city.

The Congregational school will give a Christmas program in Columbia Theatre this afternoon at 4:10. The occasion will be livened by moving pictures suitable for the occasion.

Invitation extended to all. The M. E. school will have a Christmas tree and program Friday evening in the church. A splendid program has been prepared. Special music. All will be made welcome.

The church organization of Swedes will hold their exercises in the Methodist church at 6 o'clock Christmas morning.

Christmas services will be held in the Episcopal church Sunday evening.

THE MINSTRELS

To the Editor of the Mist: Of course you are going to give the High School "Minstrel Boys" a real good write up, and they deserve it. They gave us a very good show, and I wish they would "come again." One of the star performers, or end men, was a real good actor by the name of Steele Moorhead. You being the editor and he being your son, it would place you in an awkward position to give him the credit to which he is entitled, so this little note will relieve you somewhat, and moreover, there are many of us who feel just a little sore if you do not either give him a good "send off" or else publish this notice.

Very truly,
MARTIN WHITE.

LETTER WRITING WEEK

The Portland Chamber of Commerce invites all Oregon civic and business organizations to undertake a great movement for the purpose of interesting tourist travel in Oregon and the Northwest in 1916. To secure a maximum of success the movement must have the co-operation of every organization within the state. This is an all Oregon proposition.

It is desired that St. Helens will send a delegate to Portland to attend a great meeting on the night of January 5th, to work out further plans for making this a bigger and better success than is even indicated in these lines.

Portland is working for the whole state and the Northwest, and our co-operation in this movement means dollars to us. Notify us immediately of the appointment of delegates.

While engaged in giving Christmas cheer and charity, do not forget to purchase a few Red Cross seals. This money is used for a worthy purpose, as the organization is doing a great work for the unfortunates of Oregon.